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dj : having a multicolored cross-barred pattern blanket〉
d\ *adj* [*plaid* + *-ed*] **1** : wearing a plaid 〈～ **2** : PLAID
id°n\ *chiefly Scot var of* PLAIDING
di\ *n* -s [*plaid* + *-le*] *Scot* : PLAID 1
adiŋ\ *n* -s [*plaid* + *-ing*] : PLAID 2
Scot : a pocket formed by the sewed-up corner

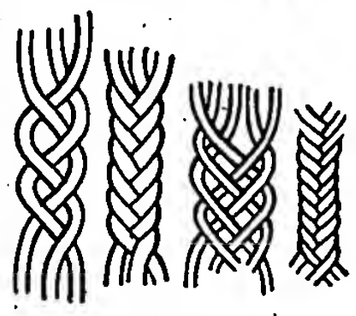
ˌpledwə'yā\ *n* -s [F, fr. OF *plaidoyer* to plead, — more at PLEA] : an address, plea, or argument an advocate in court
var of PLAYOCK
\ *vb* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *plainen, pleynen*, fr. MF *plangere* to lament — more at PLAINT] *vi* **1** *archaic specif* : to make a complaint against someone make a doleful sound : MOURN 〈wind went . . . e barren moor —Mary Linskill〉 ～ *vt, archaic* OAN
-s *archaic* : PLAINT
-s [ME *plain, pleyn*, fr. OF *plain*, fr. L *planum, anus* level, flat] **1 a** : an extensive area of land iequalities of surface, being usu. fairly flat but ving a considerable slope, and usu. being at though some (as the Great Plains of the U.S.) as three or four thousand feet above sea level spread tract of level or rolling treeless country ıtion predominantly of short perennial grasses orbs — often used in pl. 〈from the ecological re is no essential distinction between . . . prairie .E.Clements & V.E.Shelford〉 **b** : a smooth sloping part of an ocean floor 〈the ～ of the nay be broken by long deep troughs —C.M. broad unbroken expanse 〈looking far over the the waves —William Black〉 〈a flat featureless de Q. Robin〉 **2** *archaic* **a** : a field of battle ND 〈lead forth my soldiers to the ～ —Shak.〉 **3** : something that is free from artifice, ornaneous matter 〈nature and art, the ～ and the H.Hagstrum〉; *specif* : a usu. wool or cotton n weave and solid color 〈fine ～s . . . usually , higher thread-count cloths than print cloths

-ER/-EST [ME *plain, pleyn*, fr. MF *plain*, fr. L lat, plain — more at FLOOR] **1** *obs* **a** : FLAT ～ to his tail —Edward Topsell〉 **b** : PLANE having an even surface : LEVEL, SMOOTH 〈make laces ～ —Catherine Winkworth〉 **b** *of a merino* folds or wrinkles 〈a *plain*-bodied ewe〉 **3 a** : lack- : UNDECORATED 〈a New England country itionally a rather ～ building with a thin spire land〉 **b** *heraldry* : not charged or engrailed raneous matter : PURE, UNADULTERATED 〈takes th ～ water〉 〈the ～ colors . . . give such freshrk —*Yankee*〉; *specif* : free of bubbles or other — used of glass **5 a** *archaic* : free of obstacles . . battle in the ～ sea —John Speed〉 **b** : free s to view : UNOBSTRUCTED 〈pastured out on the ght of us —Martha Kean〉 **6 a** (1) : evident or senses : distinctly recognizable : OBVIOUS coldly, hatred and contempt very ～ in her face 〈the facts are undoubted; they are ～ matters .A.Freeman〉 〈she's wild about him — it's as on your face〉 (2) : easily understood : CLEAR ～ that events develop quite independently of y affect —C.H.Rickword〉 〈what, in ～ words, of culture —J.C.Powys〉 **b** : characterized by K, BLUNT 〈to be ～ with you, I will sing none n〉 〈an impressive honesty and a good deal of Alan Bullock〉 **c** : devoid of elaboration o LD, UNDISGUISED 〈made no attempt to harangue ut stuck to the ～ facts〉 〈～ anger seized me ıble〉 **7 a** : belonging to the great majority OMMON 〈the ～ people everywhere . . . wish to th one another —F.D.Roosevelt〉 **b** (1) : lackstinction : of a routine nature : ORDINARY musical specialists . . . but for the ～ operagoer nan〉 〈～ common sense tells us that . . . gold practically useless except for what they will .Webb〉 (2) : not being trump 〈lost only one f the ～ suits —C.H.Goren〉 **c** : characterized ity or affectation 〈just ～ folks — homespun, lemocratic —Thomas Pyles〉 〈as ～ as an old mannerisms, and the way he runs his business avoiding waste or extravagance : FRUGAL tax money had to be put to some good ～ use Fisher〉 **e** : of or relating to expressions used rs 〈the use of *thee* and *thy* is characteristic uage〉 **8** : characterized by simplicity : UN as **a** *of musical harmony* : using only essential ıe harmonic underpinning is a little ～ —Virgil : devoid of strong seasoning or exotic in- ome cooking〉 **c** *of cloth* (1) : made in plain ving no pattern **d** *of paper or board* (1) : made ne grade of stock (2) : UNCOATED **9 a** : unıer for physical beauty or ugliness : lacking 〈a ～ woman with a face as hardy and simple as the house —Rebecca West〉 **b** *of livestock* IOR 〈a boar with a ～ head〉
SIMPLE, UNPRETENTIOUS: PLAIN stresses lack ely to attract attention — lack of ornament, traneous matter, or strongly marked characıo eccentricity even to take him out of the e was just a good, dull, honest, *plain* man —W. *plain* two-story frame house〉 — and may sugıis brown stockings . . . were of a fine texture; uckles, too, though *plain*, were trim —Charles gality 〈a *plain* skirt of serviceable gray flannel〉 to personal appearance it suggests lack of eristics, contrasting with *beautiful* but implying iness 〈was not a *plain* woman, and she might pretty still —Ellen Glasgow〉 In reference to re, food, and other elements of domesticity, mes suggests *homey* and may indicate comality without ostentation 〈his secluded wife ıd cheerful, his little comfortable lodgings, ıd *homely* evenings, had all the charms of ecrecy —W.M.Thackeray〉 It may connote implicity 〈a book-learned language, wholly nything personal, native, or *homely* —Willa eference to appearance HOMELY in American British usage often falls between *plain* and ertainly not bad-looking now and she could so *homely* as she imagined —Edmund Wilson〉 ısionally differ slightly from PLAIN in implying ıan compulsive circumstance 〈what was then life . . . is recognizable as the austere luxury of d poet —Agnes Repplier〉 〈a monk of Lindisand lowly in temper that he traveled on foot gion journeys —J.R.Green〉 UNPRETENTIOUS, f vanity or affectation, may praise a person a possession 〈an *unpretentious* family doctor

plainchant \'ˌ-ˌ-\ *n* [F *plain-chant*, lit., plain song, trans. of ML *cantus planus*] : PLAINSONG
plain chart *n* : a nautical chart laid down on a Mercator projection
plain clothes *n* : unofficial clothes : the dress of an ordinary citizen 〈man waiting for him was in *plain clothes* —Nancy Rutledge〉 — opposed to *uniform*
plainclothes \'ˌ-ˌ-\ *adj* [*plain clothes*] : not in uniform 〈was directed to a ～ recruiting sergeant —Nigel Dennis〉
plain-clothes-man \(')ˌ-ˌ-mən, -ˌman, -ˌmaa(ə)n\ *n, pl* **plain-clothesmen** : a policeman who wears civilian clothes while on duty : DETECTIVE
plain component *or* **plain sequence** *n* : the sequence of letters in a substitution alphabet that identifies the plaintext letters — compare ALPHABET 1j
plain concrete *n* : concrete containing no steel reinforcing bars or wire or containing not more than two tenths of one percent of reinforcing
plain condensed milk *n* : EVAPORATED MILK — used esp. of the bulk commercial product as distinguished from the canned pasteurized consumer product
plain counterpoint *n* : STRICT COUNTERPOINT
plain dealing *adj* [*plain*] : STRAIGHTFORWARD 〈a *plain dealing* honest man —M.G.J. de Crèvecoeur〉
plained *past of* PLAIN
plainer *comparative of* PLAIN
plainer *n* [*plain* + *-er*] *obs* : PLANER
plainest *superlative of* PLAIN
plain-hearted *adj* [*plain* + *hearted*] : SINCERE, ARTLESS
plain hunt *n* [*plain*] : a course followed by a single bell through a series of changes in change ringing in which the bell works from first or lead position to last place and back up again
plain hunting *n* : change ringing in which each bell has a plain hunt — see CHANGE RINGING illustration
plaining *n* -s [fr. gerund of *plain*] : FINING 1b
plain-ish \'plānish\ *adj* [*plain* + *-ish*] : rather plain
plain jane *adj, usu cap J* [fr. the name *Jane*] : of the usual type : ORDINARY, UNREMARKABLE 〈the *plain Jane* model . . . may be offered with optional trim —*Motor Life*〉
plain knitting *n* **1** : GARTER STITCH **2** *or* **plain knit** : STOCKINETTE STITCH
plain-laid \'ˌ-ˌ\ *adj, of a rope* : consisting of three, four, or six usu. left-handed strands twisted together in a direction opposite to that of the twist in the strands — compare CABLE-LAID
plain language *n* : language unconcealed by any cryptographic process
plain live axle *n* : an axle carrying both differential and road wheels
plain-ly *adv* [*plain* + *-ly*] : in a plain manner: as **a** : with clarity of perception or comprehension : DISTINCTLY, CLEARLY **b** : in unmistakable terms : OBVIOUSLY **c** : with candor : FRANKLY **d** : SIMPLY, UNPRETENTIOUSLY
plain muscle *n* : SMOOTH MUSCLE
plain-ness \'plānnəs\ *n* -ES [ME *playnesse, pleynnesse*, partly fr. MF *plainesse, planece* flatness, fr. L *planities* flat surface, fr. *planus* flat, level; partly fr. ME *plain* + *-nesse* -ness — more at FLOOR] : the quality or state of being plain
plain of mars *usu cap P&M* [*plain*] : an area in the center of the palm between Upper Mars and Lower Mars that when well developed or crossed with many lines is usu. held by palmists to indicate the presence of sudden temper
plain people *n, usu cap both Ps* [*plain*] : members of any of various religious groups (as Mennonites, Dunkers, Amish, or Schwenkfelders) who wear plain clothes, adhere to old customs, and practice in general a simple way of life as a means of carrying out the biblical injunction not to be conformed to this world
plains *pres 3d sing of* PLAIN, *pl of* PLAIN
plains \'plānz\ *adj, usu cap* [*Plains* (*Indian*)] : of or belonging to No. American Indians of the Great Plains or to their culture characterized by the horse, the tepee, geometric painting on tanned skin, and tailored garments decorated with beads and porcupine quills
plain sail *n* [*plain*] : the ordinary working canvas of a sailing ship usu. including topgallant sails, royals, and a flying jib — see SAIL illustration
plain sailing *n* [alter. of *plane sailing*] **1** : PLANE SAILING 1 **2** : effortless progress over an unobstructed course : easy going
plain-saw \'ˌ-ˌ\ *vt* [*plain*] : TANGENT-SAW
plains cottonwood *or* **plains poplar** *n* [fr. the Great *Plains*] : a large poplar (*Populus sargentii*) chiefly of the Great Plains region of No. America having deeply furrowed gray bark and broadly oval leaves with coarse curved teeth and long points
plainscraft \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* [*plains* (pl. of *plain*) + *craft*] : knowledge of and skill in applying the lore of a plains environment
plains cree *n, usu cap P&C* **1** : an Algonquian people formerly inhabiting the southwestern portion of the Cree territory — compare WOOD CREE **2** : a member of the Plains Cree people
plain seam *n* [*plain*] : a seam made with a single line of stitching inside the matched edges of two pieces of material
plain service *n* : a worship service unaccompanied with music
plains indian *n, usu cap P&I* [fr. the Great *Plains*, region of central No. America] : an Indian of the Algonquian, Athapaskan, Caddo, Kiowa, Siouan, or Uto-Aztecan nomadic peoples formerly inhabiting the Great Plains of central U.S. and Canada — called also *Buffalo Indian*
plains-man \'plānzmən\ *n, pl* **plainsmen** [Great *Plains* + *man*] : an inhabitant of the plains; *esp* : one skilled in plainscraft 〈army scout and ～ —*Amer. Guide Series: Texas*〉
plainsong \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* [trans. of ML *cantus planus*] **1** : the ancient nonmetrical monophonic chant of the church service that is based on the ecclesiastical modes and is used today in some liturgical churches — called also *plainchant;* compare AMBROSIAN CHANT, CANTUS FIRMUS 1, GREGORIAN CHANT **2 a** : a chant melody used as a cantus firmus for contrapuntal treatment **b** : CANTUS FIRMUS 2 — compare PRICK SONG **3** : a simple air or melody
plainspoken \'ˌ-ˌ-\ *adj* [*plain* + *spoken*] : characterized by candor : FRANK, STRAIGHTFORWARD — **plainspokenness** *n* -ES
plain-stanes \'plānˌstānz\ *n pl* [*plain* + pl. of *stane* stone] *Scot* : a flagstone sidewalk
plain stitch *n* [*plain*] : KNIT STITCH
plain suit *n* [*plain*] : a card suit that is not trump
plains vizcacha *n* [*plains* pl. of *plain*] : a large colonial vizcacha (*Lagostomus maximus*) of the grassy plains of southern So. America
plaint \'plānt\ *n* -s [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *planctus*, fr. *planctus*, past part. of *plangere* to strike, beat, beat one's breast, lament; akin to L *plaga* blow, Gk *plēgē* blow, *plēssein* to strike, OE *flōcan* to applaud, OHG *fluokhōn* to curse] **1** : an audible expression of or as if of woe : LAMENTATION, WAIL 〈a ～ over a lost doll〉 〈did not squeal, as vulgar pigs do, but uttered a sweet little ～ —Raymond Weeks〉 **2 a** : a critical protest : COMPLAINT 〈their ～s to the papers gave a picture of suffering which impressed contemporary students of the social scene —Roy Lewis & Angus Maude〉 **b** : a legal written complaint esp. in county-court practice in England
plaintext \'ˌ-ˌ\ *n* : the plain-language form of an encrypted or woe : SORROWFUL, MELANCHOLY 〈he sighed, his voice became ～ —Aldous Huxley〉 〈～ songs . . . about green hills and pines in the night wind and lonesomeness and dying away from home —R.O.Bowen〉 〈the clarinet sings, in its eerie ～ tone —Sara R. Watson〉 — **plain-tive-ly** \-tīvlē, -li\ *adv* — **plain-tive-ness** \-tīvnəs, -tēv- *also* -təv-\ *n* -ES
plain turkey *n* [*plain*] : the bustard (*Choriotis australis*) of Australia that is now becoming rare because of excessive hunting for sport and table
plain wanderer *n* : a small Australian bird (*Pedionomus torquatus*) similar to the button quails
plain weave *n* [*plain*] : the simplest form of textile weave in which the weft yarns pass alternately over and under the warp yarns to form a checkerboard pattern

plain weave

plain work *n* **1** : plain sewing **2** : the surface produced on stone by chiseling off irregularities
plainwoven \'ˌ-ˌ-\ *adj* : made in plain weave
plaise \'plāz\ *dial var of* PLEASE
plaise *var of* PLAICE
plaister *var of* PLASTER
plait \'plāt, 'plat, *usu* -d.+V\ *n* -s [ME *pleit, plait, plete*, fr. MF *pleit*, fr. (assumed) VL *plictus* fold, fr. (assumed) VL *plictus*, alter. (influenced by L *implictus, replictus*) of L *plicatus*, past part. of *plicare* to fold — more at PLY] **1 a** : a flat fold : PLEAT 1 **b** : one of the flattened folds on the inner wall of some gastropod shells **2 a** : a braid of hair, straw, or other material 〈in an attractive ～ round her head —*Atlantic*〉 〈wick . . . of cotton strands of good quality woven into a thin ～ —T.P.Hilditch〉; *specif* : PIGTAIL 〈used to have little bows on the ends of your ～s before you cut your hair —Dodie Smith〉 **b** : braided fiber esp. for straw hats 〈a roll of ～〉 **3** *archaic* : a devious twist of character or conduct : QUIRK 〈a simple heart . . . without ～s and folds —George Hakewill〉
plait \"\ *vt* -ED/-ING/-S [ME *pleiten, plaiten, pleten*, fr. *pleit, plait, plete* plait] **1** : PLEAT 1 **2 a** : to interweave the strands or locks of : BRAID, INTERTWINE 〈his hair was ～*ed* in a queue —Ethel Wilson〉 〈flirting her white mane . . . to draw attention to the red ribbons it was ～*ed* with —George Orwell〉 **b** : to make by plaiting 〈～ a rug〉 〈shoes often ～*ed* from thongs of hemp —Herbert Harris〉 〈weaverbirds . . . ～*ed* their elaborate nests perfectly —E.A.Armstrong〉 **3** : to unite by or as if by interweaving 〈～ . . . interrelated events into a clean-cut chronology —*Time*〉 〈swallows . . . ～*ing* together the summer air all day —Kenneth Rexroth〉
plait-ed \-d-ɔd\ *adj* [ME *pleited, plaited*, fr. past part. of *pleiten, plaiten* to plait] **1 a** : PLEATED **b** : BRAIDED, INTERWOVEN **c** : PLATED 4 **2** *obs* : having convolutions : INVOLVED, DEVIOUS 〈time shall unfold what ～ cunning hides —Shak.〉
plaited stitch *n* : an embroidery stitch having a braided appearance, usu. made in herringbone or basket-weave patterns
plait-er \-d-ɔ(r)\ *n* -s **1** : one that plaits 〈straw ～〉 〈basket ～〉 **2** : PLEATER 3
plaiting *n* -s [fr. gerund of *plait*] **1** : PLEATING 2 **2** : the interlacing of three or more strands (as of hair or straw) : BRAIDING **3** : the knitting together of two or more yarns usu. of different colors or fibers so that one appears on the face of a fabric and the other on the back



plaiting 2

pla-kat \plə'kat, 'plaˌkat\ *n* -s [Siamese, fighting fish] : BETTA
plan \'plan, -aa(ə)n\ *n* -s [F *plane*, foundation, ground plan, partly fr. L *planum* level ground, fr. *planus* level, flat; partly fr. *planter* to plant, fix in place, fr. LL *plantare* — more at FLOOR, PLANT] **1** : a drawing or diagram drawn on a plane: as **a** : a top view of a machine **b** : a representation of a horizontal section of a building — see GROUND PLAN **c** : a large-scale map of a small area **2 a** : one of numerous planes conceived as perpendicular to the line of vision and interposed between the eye and pictured objects **b** : one of several possible planes in a relief sculpture raising certain figures in the design above the ground **3 a** : a method of achieving something : a way of carrying out a design : DEVICE 〈could not avoid suspecting that it was a ～ to obtain freedom in the evenings —Arnold Bennett〉 **b** : a method of doing something : PROCEDURE, WAY 〈the usual ～ is to bring with each course the implements considered correct for handling it —Agnes M. Miall〉 **c** : a detailed and systematic formulation of a large-scale campaign or program of action 〈drew up a secret ～ for the defense of the country〉 〈the ～ called for the establishment of flexible four-year programs for the six basic industries —*Current Biog.*〉 **d** : a proposed undertaking or goal : AIM, INTENTION 〈had just entered college with the ～ of studying medicine —J.G.Cozzens〉 **4 a** : an orderly arrangement of parts in terms of an overall design or objective 〈the conventional ～ of state universities throughout the country —*Amer. Guide Series: Minn.*〉 〈a ～ of life so delightfully simple —J.W.Krutch〉 〈detailed to him the ～ of a very moral and aristocratical novel she was preparing —T.L.Peacock〉 **b** : a schematic table or program of related parts or items 〈drew up a ～ of study for himself〉 〈the ～ of the graduation exercises〉 **c** : a schedule or method of payment 〈an easy-payment ～〉 〈a pay-as-you-go ～〉
SYN PLAN, DESIGN, PLOT, SCHEME, and PROJECT can mean, in common, a proposed method of doing or making something or of achieving an end. PLAN implies mental formulation of a method, order, or form or a graphic representation of one, sometimes applying to an already achieved order 〈her *plan* to try hitching rides in automobiles —Millen Brand〉 〈drew *plans* for factory and home sites —*Amer. Guide Series: Md.*〉 〈it imposes *plan* and meaning and order on its materials —W.V. O'Connor〉 DESIGN adds to PLAN the idea of intention in the disposition of individual parts, often suggesting definiteness of pattern or a degree of order or harmony achieved 〈a great man by accident rather than *design* —H.J.Laski〉 〈a complex moral and philosophical *design* that lay behind the surface reality —J.W.Aldridge〉 〈the *design* of constitutional governments —C.L.Jones〉 PLOT connotes a laying out in or analyzing into distinguishable, proportioned, and comprehensible sections with attention to the proper relation of parts, applying now chiefly to the fundamental design of action or narrative in a literary or dramatic work or to a clandestine plan contrived by a group as for political revolution or assassination 〈the fundamental elements of storytelling — suspense, pace, and clean-cut *plot* —*Current Blog.*〉 〈a *plot* to overthrow the government〉 SCHEME in the sense of a plan, design, or order, especially one revealed by analysis, suggests system and careful choice or ordering of detail 〈the place of man in the *scheme* of things —E.D.Adrian〉 〈the strong and the weak places in the general *scheme* of transportation by rail —O.S.Nock〉 〈the rapid development of pension *schemes* —G.O.May〉 〈the long-term *schemes* for building up India's economy —*Collier's Yr. Bk.*〉